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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: Replacement of Existing Imaging Equipment that Received a CON or CON Determination per Connecticut General Statutes §19a-638(b)(18)

Dear Ms. Martone:

This letter is to inform the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §19a-638(b)(18), that Bridgeport Hospital plans to replace its existing PET/CT mobile scanner with a fixed PET/CT scanner.

Bridgeport Hospital's current PET/CT scanner is a mobile scanner that is currently available two half-days per week in a trailer parked outside the main hospital building. CON authorization for the current scanner was obtained from OHCA under Docket Numbers 00-509-CON and 02-584-CON. Bridgeport Hospital is the only remaining member of the Fairfield County Mobile PET Collaborative referenced in the CON authorizations.

The lease for use of the current mobile PET/CT scanner is set to expire on January 30, 2015. Bridgeport Hospital plans to replace the mobile scanner before that date with a Siemens Biograph 16 Truepoint PET/CT scanner. The fixed scanner will be installed at Bridgeport Hospital's outpatient site located on Park Avenue in Trumbull.

Our understanding is that this replacement is consistent with Connecticut General Statutes §19a-638(b)(18) and with the State Wide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan, which confirms (on page 65) that "A facility or provider may replace a mobile PET scanner or PET/CT scanner, without obtaining a CON, with a fixed PET or PET/CT scanner."

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,



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